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1. While the changes in Salazar's cabinet were under consideration and Caetano was being considered for the post which he now holds, he agreed to accept the presidency of the Uniao Nacional only on the consideration that the president of the party would be entitled to appoint Civil Governors. To this, the former Minister of Interior, Sotelho Moniz, under whose Ministry Civil Governors previously came, objected strongly. When a showdown was demanded, Salazar felt that his purpose was best suited if the Governors were appointed by the party head, rather than the Government. Sotelho Moniz refused to continue as Minister of Interior under these circumstances, and consequently left the Government.
2. This explanation by Caetano seems contradicted by the official visit of the Civil Governors to Lisbon to pay their respects to the new Minister of the Interior, Cagela de Abreu. During their two-day stay they did visit Cagela de Abreu, and as yet it is not known that they paid any official calls on Caetano.

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